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Georgia Southern anthropology professor to give presentations on commercial fishing in Georgia

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Georgia Southern Anthropology Professor Jennifer Sweeney Tookes, along with University of Georgia (UGA) Associate Director of Marine Extension Bryan Fluech, will help to preserve the oral history and culture of commercial fishing in Georgia for current and future generations by presenting research at three outreach events on Jan. 31 in Statesboro, Feb. 1 in Darien and Feb. 2 in Brunswick.

Commercial fishers in coastal Georgia shared their fishing experiences, stories of life on the water, opinions on the state of the industry, and predictions for the future of commercial fishing in Georgia as part of a 2018 anthropology research project on the state and fate of the fishing industry titled "Fishing Traditions and Fishing Futures: Oral Histories of Commercial Fishing in Georgia."



Jennifer Sweeney Tookes, Ph.D.

Using these interviews as a foundation for qualitative data analysis, the project teaches audiences about the rich history of commercial fishing on Georgia's coast, provides educational outreach to communities in Statesboro, Darien and Brunswick, and trains the next generation of social science researchers who may interact with fishing communities.

Led by Sweeney Tookes and Fluech, Georgia Southern anthropology students completed the oral history project last March in collaboration with UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant (MAREX/GASG). The students' research included taking photographs of the fishermen, scanning their personal photographs and uploading the audio recordings to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's Voices from the Fisheries oral history repository.

Capturing the life stories and experiences of Georgia's commercial fishermen is especially important since many local communities have depended on the coastal environment for their economic and cultural base for generations. This knowledge can provide an invaluable historic and current database that can be useful to science as well as local community history.

For decades, commercial fishing has been an integral part of coastal Georgia's culture and heritage. The state's elaborate network of salt marshes and productive coastal and marine waters have supported a number of fisheries during this time. The most prominent have been shrimping and

trapping of blue crabs, but fishermen have harvested a number of finfish and shellfish species as well.

The outreach events will be in Statesboro on Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, in Darien on Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. at the Ida Hilton Public Library and in Brunswick on Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the UGA Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant Brunswick station. The Statesboro event will be sponsored by the Georgia Southern Museum.

When not traveling for educational outreach events with Sweeney Tookes and Fluech, the exhibit will be housed on display at MAREX/GASG's Brunswick Facility.

For more information, contact Sweeney Tookes at jtookes@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-478-6587.

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Georgia Southern EAGLE Academy to host open house on Jan. 22

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Georgia Southern University College of Education will host an open house for the EAGLE Academy Inclusive Post-Secondary Education program on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 4 to 7 p.m., room 3156 of the College of Education classroom building on the Statesboro Campus.

EAGLE Academy, named for its commitment to Equal Access to Gainful Learning and Employment, is a comprehensive transitional program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The non-degree program offers courses and internships that enhance students with life skills and assist with career aspirations. Upon completion, students earn a certificate.

The open house will be a drop-in event with presentations to be made at both 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to provide a general overview of the program as well as details on the admissions and application processes. Information on how to schedule a campus tour will also be provided.

"We hope that anyone interested in inclusive post-secondary education will join us to learn about EAGLE Academy and the wonderful opportunity it provides to become prepare students with disabilities for their future," said EAGLE Academy Director Karen Phipps. "We have experienced three semesters of our EAGLE Academy students in classrooms here at Georgia Southern and to watch their growth and accomplishments is astounding."

Application deadline for EAGLE Academy is Feb. 15, and acceptance notification will be provided by the end of March.

Georgia Southern's EAGLE Academy, which launched fall 2017, is now the ninth program of its kind in Georgia.

For additional information about EAGLE Academy, visit coe.georgiasouthern.edu/eagle-academy/.

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